

**Legal and Democratic Services**

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**SUMMONS TO ATTEND**

**MEETING:** WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL  
**PLACE:** COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, WOODGREEN, WITNEY  
**DATE:** WEDNESDAY 22 JANUARY 2014  
**TIME:** 2.00 PM

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**A G E N D A**

**1. Minutes of the meeting held on 23 October 2013 (previously circulated)**

**2. Apologies for Absence**

**3. Declarations of Interest**

To receive any declarations of interest from Councillors relating to items to be considered at the meeting, in accordance with the provisions of the Council's Local Code of Conduct, and any from Officers.

**4. Receipt of Announcements**

To receive any announcements from The Chairman, Leader, Members of the Cabinet or the Chief Executive.

**5. Participation of the Public**

To receive any submissions from members of the public, in accordance with the Council's Rules of Procedure.

**6. Recommendations from the Executive and the Council's Committees (Report of the Chief Executive – copy attached)**

Purpose:

To receive and consider recommendations made by the Cabinet and the Council's Committees from 13 November 2013 to 15 January 2014.

Recommendations:

That the recommendations set out in the Appendix to the report be adopted.

## **7. Reports of the Cabinet and the Council's Committees (copies attached)**

To receive the reports of the following meetings of the Cabinet and the Council's Committees. Unless otherwise stated, copies are attached:

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| (a) | Cabinet  | 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2013 |                  |
| (b) | Economic and Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee    | 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2013 |                  |
| (c) | Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee            | 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2013 |                  |
| (d) | Human Resources Committee                              | 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2013  |                  |
| (e) | Finance and Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee | 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2013  |                  |
| (f) | Cabinet  | 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2013 |                  |
| (g) | Audit and General Purposes Committee                   | 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2013 |                  |
| (h) | Licensing Committee                                    | 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2013 |                  |
| (i) | Cabinet  | 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2014  | <b>To follow</b> |

## **8. Scheme of Members' Allowances for 2014/2015 (Report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services)**

### Purpose:

To consider the report and recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel and agree a scheme of allowances for Members to be effective for the financial year 2014/2015.

### Recommendations:

- (a) That the Council considers the report and recommendations from the Independent Remuneration Panel as set out in the Appendix to this report, and specified in paragraph 3.4 below;
- (b) That the Strategic Director be authorised to amend the scheme of allowances as formally set out in Part 6 of the Council's Constitution to reflect any changes made as a result of (a) above;
- (c) That the information relating to the pension scheme set out in section four of the report be noted; and
- (d) That, in the event of the ability of councillors to access the pension scheme being removed, the Strategic Director be authorised to remove references to the pension scheme from the Council's scheme of allowances.

## **9. Notice of Motion – Energy Efficient Lighting**

The following motion has been received in the names of Mr H J Howard and Mr R A Langridge, namely:

"West Oxfordshire District Council adopts a policy of using energy efficient lighting where appropriate when new or replacement lighting is required for any council owned public space and corporate buildings within our district"

## **10. Notice of Motion - Transparency of Lobbying, Non-Party Campaigning and Trade Union Administration Bill**

The following motion has been received in the names of Mr D A Snow and Mr D S T Enright, namely:

"West Oxfordshire District Council is extremely concerned about the Transparency Of Lobbying, Non-Party Campaigning and Trade Union Administration Bill currently working its way through parliament, and resolves to advise the Prime Minister of the severe blow this proposed legislation would have on our local democracy. Community Groups, Charities, and Church Based Organisations by their very nature often pursue or campaign on issues that coincide with, or are similar to that of political parties. If this Bill passes into law, any one of these groups could be breaking the law, simply by acting on the wishes of their supporters, and straying into the realms of what the government could deem "campaigning for political purposes". Legislation such as this could potentially silence the very community-spirited people that voted us into office! This Council believes this proposed legislation is hugely disrespectful to our electorate, whose voice should always be heard, however big or small, and especially in the run up to an election. As a council, we aim to guard this democratic freedom vigilantly".

## **11. Sealing of Documents (copy attached)**

### Purpose:

To note the documents sealed since the last report.

### Recommendation:

That the report be noted.

David Neudegg  
Chief Executive